

REMARKS

Claims 45, 46, 51-53, 56-67 and 71-84 were pending. The Examiner rejected claims 46, 60-67, and 71-84, and allowed claims 45, 51-53, and 56-59. In order to further prosecution, and without acquiescing in any of the rejections for at least the reasons given in prior responses, Applicants have herein cancelled claims 46, 60-67, and 71-84. Applicants expressly preserve their right to pursue the cancelled claims in one or more continuation applications. Accordingly, allowed claims 45, 51-53, and 56-59 are pending.

In light of the amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance regarding allowed claims 45, 51-53, and 56-59.

Request for Initialing of PTO-1449 Form

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the Information Disclosure Statement previously submitted on January 29, 2003 and initial the accompanying PTO-1449 form. Applicants have enclosed duplicate copies of the same for the Examiner's convenience.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 46, 62, 77-78, 82, and 84 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Saez as evidenced by Zamorano for similar reasons as set forth in prior Office Actions. Applicants have herein cancelled claims 46, 62, 77-78, 82, and 84, thereby rendering the rejections moot. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected claims 46, 60-67, and 71-76 as provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1, 3-14 of copending Application No. 10/951,059. Applicants have cancelled claims 46, 60-67, and 71-76, thereby rendering the rejections moot. Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs

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The Examiner rejected claims 77-84 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are definite and find written description support in the specification as filed. Nevertheless, without acquiescing in the rejections, Applicants have herein cancelled claims 77-84 in order to further prosecution. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

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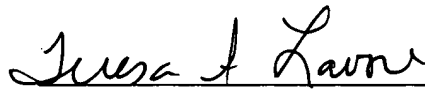
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance regarding the allowed pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the under-signed attorney if such would expedite prosecution.

Enclosed is a check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee (two months). Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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